
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1256

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By House Committee on Early Learning & Children's Services
(originally sponsored by Representatives Dickerson, Kagi, Hunter,
O'Brien and Ericks)

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1 AN ACT Relating to preventing serious injury and strangulation from
2 window blind cords or other significant safety hazards in child care
3 settings; adding a new section to chapter 43.215 RCW; and creating new
4 sections.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.215 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) Minimum licensing requirements under this chapter shall include
9 a prohibition on the use of window blinds or other window coverings
10 with pull cords or inner cords capable of forming a loop and posing a
11 risk of strangulation to young children. Window blinds and other
12 coverings that have been manufactured or properly retrofitted in a
13 manner that eliminates the formation of loops posing a risk of
14 strangulation are not prohibited under this section.

15 (2) When developing and periodically reviewing minimum licensing
16 requirements related to safety of the premises, the director shall
17 consult and give serious consideration to the consumer product safety
18 commission's most wanted list.

1 (3) The department may provide information as available regarding
2 reduced cost or no-cost options for retrofitting or replacing unsafe
3 window blinds and window coverings.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Within funding appropriated for this
5 specific purpose, the department of early learning shall adopt rules
6 and a streamlined process for providing small grants to facilities
7 licensed under chapter 43.215 RCW for costs associated with replacing
8 window coverings that can not be retrofitted to comply with licensing
9 requirements. Any grants provided shall be based on need, expense for
10 replacement with a safe alternative, and overall impact on the child
11 care program.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act may be known and cited as the
13 Jaclyn Frank act.

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